

TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MIINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 6:40pm. Selectmen present were James McIlroy, Janet Smith and Roberta Gerkin. Others present were Fran Lane, Chief Art Reed, Brian Knipstein, William Remington of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen, Guy Rioux of OSHA and Wendy Chase.

The Selectmen questioned Brian Knipstein on the proposed salt shed easement. David Dwyer and Brian once staked out a sight for the easement to discuss with the Newfields Water & Sewer Commissioners. The Selectmen will contact David Dwyer for more information.

Brian discussed removing dead trees from Halls Mill Road. Brian will mark each tree that needs to come down and the Selectmen will take a look at them by the end of the week. There is certain criteria that must be met now that Halls Mill Road has been designated a Scenic Road before removing trees, such as public hearings and permission from the Planning Board. The Selectmen may give written permission to remove trees which have been declared a public nuisance pursuant to RSA 231:145 and 231:146, when trees or portions of such trees pose an imminent threat to safety or property.

The trees by the Hilton Cemetery were discussed. Brian suggested the Selectmen go with the bid of \$450.00 they received. It would cost more for him to do it because he would have to rent a chipper. The Selectmen discussed the trees further after Brian had left. They would like to discuss it with him further and maybe have the tree company he uses to cut the trees down on Halls Mill Road remove the trees near the Hilton Cemetery. The discussion was tabled to next week's meeting.

Chief Reed reported that the electrical work to power the generator is now complete.

A letter from W. Douglas Scamman, Speaker of the House, was discussed. It was in regards to the future Court House. The letter discussed locating the new facility off of Route 101 somewhere between Exeter and Hampton.

William Remington of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen and Guy Rioux of OSHA were in to discuss the temporary trailer situated on Old Route 108 for employees of Boston & Maine Railroad. It is in violation of town codes. Mr. Remington and Mr. Rioux would like the trailer removed. Reuben Hull is working on drafting a letter to Boston & Maine. The Selectmen will discuss it with Reuben at next week's meeting.

Fran Lane was in to discuss the Gilmore easement amendment. It was reviewed by the Board and signed by James and Roberta. Janet discovered a spelling error. Fran will

have Attorney McGee correct the spelling and reprint the first page. Wendy was directed to hold the signed amendment until the Silversteins paid \$1,000.00 toward legal fees.

The Cell Tower removable bond was discussed. Fran explained that the original removable bond was issued to the Town of Newfields. Now that the Newfields Water & Sewer Village District owns the land a new removable bond will be issued for them. Fran explained that the original bond must be released. James made a motion to release the original removable bond for the cell tower, Roberta seconded and Janet abstained. The motion carried.

Fran informed the Board that he spoke with Don and Christine Wilson. They informed him that they have no memory or record of working for Mr. Case.

A site walk on the property owned by Joanne Clark was discussed. James would like a spreadsheet created of all vehicles registered at that address. Roberta will create the spreadsheet. Wendy will fax Roberta the information. Wendy was directed to send a letter to Joseph Clark and enclose a copy of the spreadsheet of registered vehicles the town has on file for his review. The Board would like to do the site walk on June 18, 2005.

A letter from Jeb Bradley's office was read. A representative from his office will be here at the town office on Thursday, May 19th, 10:30am to 11:30am.

A check for Paul Wilbur's Catering was signed. The Fire Department will hold a memorial service luncheon for Tom Monaghan on Saturday, May 21st.

A report from Mike Cuomo of the Rockingham County Conservation District on the Route 108 Campground store was reviewed. The report will be discussed at the Thursday night Planning Board meeting.

A rough draft of the Historical Society brochure was reviewed by the Board.

The Exeter/Stratham/Newfields Hazardous Waste Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 1, 2005.

The wage study was reviewed and signed.

Roberta sent emails to Mary August and Janet Smith regarding the barn preservation easement denials.

James spoke to Wolfe Tone. He will speak with him again and request he come to a meeting to update the Board.

A representative of Beals Association would like to know if the Board of Selectmen has any reservations with naming the subdivision road on Old Lee Road, Overlook Drive.

The Selectmen have no problem with the name. Wendy was directed to ask Chief Reed, Chief Buxton and the Planning Board their thoughts.

James made a motion to accept the minutes of May 10th as amended, Roberta seconded and all were in favor.

Wendy was directed to put the tax mapping out to bid.

Janet was asked by Mary August to request permission by the Board to let the Boy Scouts burn flags on Flag Day, June 14th at the town landing. The Selectmen granted her permission but would like her to inform the Fire Department and obtain required burn permits.

Janet informed the Board that the Conservation Commission would like the Board to review Fran Lane's legal bills on the Greenway project and approve them before sending them to the Conservation Commission for approval.

Barbara Byrne requested information on the right to know law. Janet made a copy the non public RSA and Wendy was directed to send it to Ms. Byrne.

The public is welcome to review all public documents at the town office.

Wendy will sign Janet up for the Local Official Workshop in Exeter on June 1st.

Donna from the Lee Town Office created a list of area towns and the exemptions they offer. The Board reviewed the list. Newfields grants the highest elderly exemption out of the 31 surrounding towns involved in the survey including Greenland and Rye.

A thank you letter from Sheila Lane was read.

Roberta discussed the Post Office discussion at the last Planning Board meeting. There is not much that can be done about the parking because the plan has already been approved.

Roberta suggested the Fire Department do something at the Memorial Day Parade to solicit new recruits for the Fire Department. Wendy will email Jeff Buxton and let him know.

James made a motion to adjourn at 9:06pm, Janet seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy V. Chase

